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2015 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Charleston, West Virginia – The **combined value of production and value of sales** from broilers, turkeys, eggs, and the value of sales from chickens in 2015, was \$321.0 million, down 10 percent from the combined value of \$354.9 million in 2014. Of the combined total, 60 percent was from broilers, 23 percent from turkeys, 17 percent from eggs, and less than 1 percent from sales of chickens.

There were 93.7 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2015, down 2 percent from the number of 95.3 million broilers produced in 2014. Total live weight was 356.1 million pounds, down from 371.7 million pounds in 2014. Value of production totaled \$191.6 million, down 19 percent from the 2014 value of \$236.8 million. The average live weight equivalent price of 53.8 cents per pound is down from the 2014 average live weight equivalent price of 63.7 cents per pound. Equivalent price is for the commercial producer, not contractees.

Turkeys raised in West Virginia totaled 3.0 million, down 0.1 million from the 2014 total. Total live weight was 90.6 million pounds, up 11 percent from 81.8 million pounds in 2014. Value of production totaled \$73.5 million, up 22 percent from the 2014 value of production of \$60.2 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 81.1 cents per pound, up 7.6 cents per pound from the 2014 price of 73.5 cents.

The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.57 million head, down 2 percent from the 2014 total of 1.60 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 12.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 2014 number of 12.6 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$2.09 million, up from \$2.07 million in 2014. Prices averaged 16.9 cents per pound, up from the 2014 price of 16.4 cents per pound.

Egg production in West Virginia totaled 274 million eggs during 2015, up 1 percent from the 2014 production of 270 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 231.5 cents, down from the 2014 average price per dozen of 244.0 cents. The total value of production was \$53.9 million, down 4 percent from the 2014 total of \$55.9 million. Most eggs produced in West Virginia are hatching eggs for broilers, not for table egg consumption.

United States – The **total value of production** from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2015 was \$48.0 billion, down 1 percent from \$48.4 billion in 2014. Of the combined total, 60 percent was from broilers, 28 percent from eggs, 12 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The value of broilers produced during 2015 was \$28.7 billion, down 12 percent from 2014. The total number of broilers produced in 2015 was 8.69 billion, up 2 percent from 2014. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2015 was 53.4 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2014.

The value of turkeys produced during 2015 was \$5.71 billion, up 8 percent from the \$5.30 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2015 was 233 million, down 2 percent from 2014. Turkey production in 2015 totaled 7.04 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 7.22 billion pounds produced in 2014.

The value of sales from chickens (excluding broilers) in 2015 was \$101 million, up 5 percent from \$96.2 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2015 totaled 194 million, up 2 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

Value of all egg production in 2015 was \$13.5 billion, up 32 percent from \$10.3 billion in 2014. Egg production totaled 96.4 billion eggs, down 4 percent from 101 billion eggs produced in 2014.